

Celebrating 100 years of providing service to the citizens of Milwaukie!

## Milwaukie's Local Leaders

# A Centennial Celebration of City and citizenship

Every month the **Milwaukie Pilot's Local Leaders Section** highlights members of our community who have made a commitment to improve our City.

This month **The Pilot** recognizes not only the 100 volunteers who helped organize and staff this year's calendar of events, but also the thousands who participated in them and made them the complete successes they were.

The central aim of the Centennial Celebration was

to honor our City's rich history and to create a sense of excitement for its future. Looking back at the many events and the many people who enjoyed them and made them what they were, the Centennial Celebration can only be judged a success.

It all began with a fantastic Opening Ceremony that saw our City Council dress in period clothing to reenact Council's first meeting.

Throughout the year the City's seven Neighborhood Associations developed a series of Centennial projects that put their stamp on the year's festivities. As a result, residents have enjoyed a pair of guided historical walks; park improvement projects; a pole topper project; a Bing Cherry recipe contest; community concerts; and the production of

a book chronicling nearly every aspect of our City's first hundred years.

Volunteers spent countless hours stitching a Centennial Quilt to be exhibited at the Milwaukie Museum and more than 100 Dogwood trees were planted in the City as a result of the Centennial Tree Project.

And of course there was the three-day Summer Celebration and the tremendously popular Riverfront BLAST event, where citizens enjoyed a day filled with live music, Dragon Boat racing, and a fireworks display many said was the best they've ever seen.

But the Centennial Celebration isn't over just yet.

**The Closing Ceremony** will be held on **Saturday, December 20, beginning at 3:30 p.m.**

As with the BLAST event, the Closing Ceremony will be held on the Riverfront in hopes of reacquainting our citizens with perhaps the City's greatest resource.

The Mayor and regional dignitaries will bury the Centennial Time Capsule (see page 3) in the area north of the Antique Mall before heading down near the Jefferson Boat Ramp to enjoy Holiday songs performed by a local choir. There people will gather by a warm bonfire with refreshments to watch the Holiday Ships cruise by.

So please attend, and help punctuate what has been a most memorable Centennial Year. ☐



Opening Ceremony



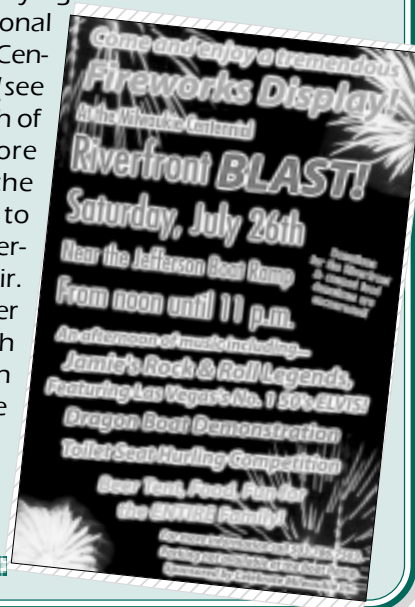
Centennial Tree Project



Milwaukie Memories Event

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## Councilor Barnes thankful this season

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It's the time of year we find ourselves scurrying to take care of so many things.

We have the holidays to prepare for our families. There are the office parties and times to gather together to remember what we are thankful for in our lives. I love the holiday season for the inspirational music, the warmth of the fireplace on a cold night, and the time I share with my daughters and

their families and my sister and her family. I am a lucky person who has the opportunity to see my 1 year-old grandson run around in ELMO slippers too big for him knowing he will be the center of attention this Christmas season.

This month I had the opportunity to take part in the "Walk A Mile" program sponsored by Clackamas County Social Services. I met my partner for the month; a gentleman named Dale Varner. He lives by himself in Milwaukie and has faced many more challenges in life than I have had to face. For the month we have shared information about each other and about poverty.

I agreed, with my family's cooperation, to learn to live on less than \$300 for food. I am busy as a full-time teacher in North Clackamas with a family equally as busy so I am use to convenience, i.e., pizza delivery or going out to buy already prepared food on the way home from a meeting or work. You can't do that on a limited budget.

This holiday season I am grateful for the moments I once felt cheated about. I coveted those that could afford to take trips, or go to fancy restaurants, or spent money on new, rather than used, cars. Today, I am grateful for what I have. I am happy that I have a house. I have healthy beautiful children, a grandson who runs into my arms when I see him, and the knowledge that maybe I can make a difference in the lives of others in the year ahead.

Happy holidays from my family and all of us at the City of Milwaukie. 🍷

## Transit Center Working Group expands focus

The Working Group developing design alternatives to the region's adopted light rail and transit center strategy has developed a set of options that will be reviewed at an Open House set for January 15, at 6 p.m. in the Public Safety Building (3200 SE Harrison St.).

City Council directed the Working Group to develop design alternatives to the Locally Preferred Alternative because the proposed alignment creates access, parking, circulation and business impacts in the North Industrial Area.

At the time of print, eight alternatives were on the table. Four options feature a rail line on the east side of McLoughlin Boulevard that crosses over to the Tilamook Branch rail line north of Highway 224. The other four shift the light rail to the east of the North Industrial area by moving the line to the Tilamook Branch near Tacoma Street. This limits impacts to the North Industrial area by moving the line away from existing businesses' access points.

The Working Group comprised of North Industrial landowners, Neighborhood leaders, staff from the City, TriMet, Metro, ODOT, and Downtown business representatives, will refine the options in working towards agreeing on a final design. A recommendation is expected to be presented to the Planning Commission in March of 2004.

For more information please call Planning Director John Genner at (503) 753-7652. 🍷

## Enjoy cultural passes

A county-wide library program treats families to free cultural events around the Portland area.

All you have to do is visit the Ledding Library and check out a book, video or CD. Patrons 18 and over can reserve the free passes for a specified day to places like the Portland Children's Museum, Japanese Gardens and Portland Art Museum. So head to the Ledding Library and ask about the Cultural Passes. 🍷

## Rate hearing postponed

Due to a scheduling conflict City Council postponed the public hearing concerning the potential adjustment of the City's sewer and water rate until January 20. The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. in City Hall's council chambers.

Council was set to adjust the water rate in September. But because of the impact the volume-based sewer charge has had on some customers' bills, Council decided to hold off until both rates could be examined.

The volume-based sewer charge was designed to charge customers in proportion to their usage rather than charging everyone the same fixed rate.

The water rate has not been adjusted since 1995, and the rate increase under review is expected to keep pace with the increased costs associated with the operations, maintenance and improvement of the water system. For more information, please call Engineer Jay Ostlund at (503) 786-7605. 🍷

## Fire district helps Santa

Since 1974 the area's fire fighters have lead Santa's Fire Engine parade down neighborhood streets to collect non-perishable foods and new, unwrapped toys for the community's less fortunate families.

This year, on Saturday, December 13 and Sunday, December 14 from 6 to 9 p.m. members of our fire district will cruise the streets of our Neighborhoods collecting food and toys. On Saturday the parade will travel the Ardenwald/Johnson Creek and Lewelling Neighborhoods, and on Sunday, the Hector Campbell and Linwood Neighborhoods.

For more specific route information or donation information, check [www.clackamasfire.com](http://www.clackamasfire.com), or call the Operation Santa Claus Hotline at (503) 742-2941. 🍷

## Library News & Notes

There's still plenty of time to bring some cheer to a Milwaukie child who could use a little extra holiday spirit.

The Ledding Library Toy Drive is collecting new, unwrapped toys until December 19, the last day students are in school before winter break. Collected toys will be delivered to children at local Elementary Schools and at the Annie Ross House, a shelter for homeless families.

For more information, please call Library Assistant Nancy Witting at (503) 786-7582.



Escape the winter for just a little while by enjoying some live traditional Hawaiian music at the Ledding Library (10660 SE 21<sup>st</sup> Ave.) on Saturday, January 3rd, at 2 p.m.

The program is free and will be performed by **Kaleo and Company**, a regional group that performs dance and music handed down from their parents and grandparents.

## North Main Project to hold Open House

While the design team continues to pencil the financial details, design for the North Main Project moves forward. Peak Development will bring two design concepts before the citizen-based selection committee for their review in mid-December.

The committee is made up of representatives of Neighborhood Associations, businesses, design professionals, the Ledding Library and the Masonic Lodge, and will be working to ensure the design fits within the fabric of the existing Downtown and the elements prescribed in the Downtown and Riverfront Plan.

An Open House displaying a design option is scheduled for January, please check future editions of **The Pilot** for additional information.

## Ready for the stage?

Those interested in playing a role in lifting a community theater troupe off the ground is invited to an organizational meeting scheduled for December 11 at 4 p.m. in the offices of the North Clackamas County Chamber of Commerce located at 7740 SE Harmony Road.

A group of local residents have been hard at work laying the groundwork for a community theater group and now they're looking for people with any interest, whether it be organizational, on stage, behind the scenes or directing, to get involved.

The Chamber offices are located in the south side of the Oregon Institute of Technology campus, in front of the North Clackamas Aquatic Park.

For more information please call (503) 654-7777 and ask for Wilda Parks.

## Help a reader and join the SMART program

The SMART program, a statewide book and reading program aiming to help students read at or above grade level by the time they leave elementary school, is looking for volunteers to help students at Ardenwald, Lewelling or Oak Grove Elementary.

Volunteers give one hour a week during the school day through May. Each volunteer is assigned two students to whom they will read for one-half hour each. SMART volunteers can start anytime throughout the school year.

The program matches business and community volunteers with students in kindergarten and third grade who are identified by their teachers as being able to benefit from reading one-on-one with a caring adult. For more information, please call the SMART program at (503) 230-2944.

## Send a message to future Milwaukians

Time is running out to place something in the Centennial Time Capsule that is to be unearthed in the year 2028.

The capsule will be buried at the Closing Ceremony set for December 20, and people can turn items in to Teresa Bresaw of the Lake Road Neighborhood before December 12. A stone monument will mark the capsule's location - north of the Antique Mall in the grassy area next to McLoughlin Boulevard. The mouth of the capsule is 15 inches in diameter, so take that into consideration when thinking about the item you'd like to send to the future.

Residents are encouraged to include anything that represents today's Milwaukie, mementos or letters to friends or family, or any other item you can think of.

You can contact Teresa at (503) 86-4690.

## The City Code Corner

Signs advertising everything from weight loss programs to garage sales to real estate opportunities are popping up in the City's right of way and on utility and traffic poles with increasing regularity.

Because an accumulation of these kinds of signs can look trashy, be a distraction to motorists, and can be damaging to the poles their mounted on, the City maintains language in its Municipal Code prohibiting their placement.

Signs in the right of way or mounted on utility poles will be removed and those responsible for their placement can be fined up to \$500. If you see a sign you would like to see taken down, please call the Code Compliance Division at (503) 786-7545.





# AROUND TOWN

The Around Town section gives elected Neighborhood Leaders an opportunity to interpret issues facing their community as well as promote greater neighborhood involvement. As a result of this open forum the opinions presented may not always represent the attitudes of the City or of the author's entire Neighborhood. The Pilot and its participating Neighborhood Officers welcome your feedback. Please see page 6 for contact information.

## ARDENWALD/J.C.

Written by [Carlotta Collette](#), Chair

### NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **Dec. 9, 6:30 p.m.** • Where: [Ardenwald Elem.](#)

Our Historic Ardenwald Walking Tours, on October 25 and 26, were so successful we're considering making them an annual event. I've had several calls complementing the Neighborhood, and especially Nancy Matich, Mary King and Lisa Gunion-Rinker who did all the research and led the tours.

What we learned from this experience is that people love our local history. Understanding our history helps us build 'pride of place.' If you have information, or especially if you have historic photos of the Ardenwald Johnson Creek Neigh-



## ISLAND STATION

### NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **NO MEETING IN DECEMBER**

Efforts to preserve and enhance Elk Rock Island are gathering momentum and interested parties will meet December 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room to discuss the project's next steps.

Among the issues to be discussed are proposed uses, such as whether the Island should feature active uses like picnic areas and trails, should stand as more of a natural preserve, or be a combination of both. Security issues will also be addressed and relatedly, the establishment of a walking patrol that provides a more continual and active presence to deter illicit activity. Establishing work party dates and project ideas will also discussed at the meeting.

In other Neighborhood news, check out the Neighborhood's new pole toppers. The toppers were installed on November 12, and a great deal of thanks go to those of the Neighborhood Association who stuck with the project through thick and thin to make it happen.

borhood, please contact me. I'm collecting and scanning photos and other documents for our history project. Everything you provide will be returned, along with a copy on a disc for your own use.

Our November meeting fell on Veteran's Day, so, rather than not meet, we held a potluck at our house instead.

With about 20 people gathered around remarkably good food, we managed to accomplish some business, but mostly we celebrated. I'm loath to brag, but Ardenwald Johnson Creek has a lot to celebrate this year. Our Family Concerts were better attended than ever, and we did them without North Clackamas Parks' support. Our Summer Reading Program was equally successful, drawing dozens of kids and parents every week. More people showed up for our part of International Walk to School Day than ever before. Our Historic Walking Tour was a huge success. And regular attendance at our monthly meetings continues to grow.

Our December 9 meeting will be another celebration. We'll meet December 9 in the Ardenwald Elementary School Cafeteria (enter on the Wake Street side to the right of the double doors) for our annual holiday feast.

## LINWOOD

Written by [Dolly Macken Hambricht](#)

### NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **Dec. 11, 7 p.m.** • Where: [Linwood Elementary](#)

At the last Linwood meeting the discussion was primarily regarding the Ukrainian Bible Church proposed expansion. Plans were presented by the architectural and engineering firms for building onto the existing church, removing the trailer on the East side of the property, and adding parking, along with a pending agreement to use Linwood Elementary School parking during peak church attendance.

Several concerns were aired and questions have been forwarded to the City's planning and engineering folks.

The vote for the name of the Riverfront Park was taken and folks favored "Milwaukie Riverfront Park" over the other two choices.

The gate between the Cedarcrest area and LaSalle High School was discussed and the gates are to remain unlocked into the future as a service to the Neighborhood. Captain Jim Colt of the Milwaukie Police Department was on hand to assure folks that should there be continued problems with vandalism and other negative behavior, the police will step into the county's jurisdiction to catch the perpetrators. Police dispatch has been advised that calls about this issue will be forwarded to our folks rather than to the county.

Please attend our next meeting on December 11, at 7 p.m., in the Linwood Elementary library, where we hope to have some follow-up from the City regarding the proposed church expansion. See you there!



## AROUND TOWN

## HECTOR CAMPBELL

Written by David Aschenbrenner, Chair

## NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: Dec. 8, 7 p.m. • Where: Campbell Elementary  
Happy Holidays! I hope you all have a joyous holiday season!

This has been a year of celebration in Milwaukie. We celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Milwaukie, and in that spirit, we in the Hector Campbell Neighborhood have been busy with several projects for our Neighborhood.

Homewood Park is coming together with the final plans heading to the Planning Commission this month. Minthorn natural space is well underway with native plantings and informational signs. The 37<sup>th</sup> and Monroe open space is complete and the plants and trees are waiting for spring to flower and bloom. We planted our allotment of Centennial Dog-

wood trees and they will bloom in the spring and make several neighbors very happy.

Other projects around the Neighborhood include a storm drain on Home Avenue and a storm drain improvement on Railroad Avenue. Soon you will see some sidewalks at 37<sup>th</sup> and Railroad and at Oak St. and Railroad Ave. These sidewalks will make for a safer trip for those who walk to the store. Speaking of stores, work is well underway at 42<sup>nd</sup> and King Road with the redevelopment of the King Road Shopping center.

In closing out this year I want to give a BIG THANKS to Sarah Smith, Karen and Larry Martin, and the loyal neighbors that show up at our monthly meetings. Thank you, thank you, thank you. You know who you are!

Remember we will be electing officers for next year at our next meeting. Please attend and play a part!

## LEWELLING

Written by Amy Hough, Secretary

## NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: Dec. 4, 7 p.m.  
Where: Lewelling Elementary

Our neighbors at the Royal Marc are inviting us into their home to celebrate a little "Holiday Cheer" on Saturday, December 6, from 2:30 - 5 p.m. There will be great food, beverages, and of course entertainment. Come see us at the Royal

Marc and bring a friend. Although this is an open house space is limited. Please RSVP to (503) 653-1854.

Anyone notice the activity at the King Road Super Center? The ground breaking for the New Super Burrito has taken place, and there will be construction for quite some time now in that vicinity. Please keep a check on your patience with the added construction traffic; the end result will be positive, and allow a

couple minutes more for your in-town commute.

Our Neighborhood will play a special role in this year's Centennial Closing Ceremony set for December 20 at the Riverfront. Festivities will kick off at 3:30 p.m. and we'll be selling hot food and beverages for all who come to enjoy the holiday boat parade, the choirs, and warm bonfire. All of the money we raise will go towards our park.

## HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

Written by Ed Zumwalt, Chair

## NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: Dec. 8, 7 p.m.; Where: Milwaukie Elementary

As the year winds down so does our Centennial, and now is a good time to make some important acknowledgments.

Two of the most rewarding aspects of the Celebration were our re-connection to the Riverfront and the emergence of a vast cadre of volunteers who stepped forward to assist in our success.

The Centennial Committee wants to take this opportunity to thank all of the sponsors who made our celebration possible. **The Centennial presentation sponsor was Providence**

**Milwaukie Hospital, and the other major financial supporters were; Bob's Red Mill, Clackamas Federal Credit Union, Clackamas Review, Mill Ends Store, The O.D.S. Companies, Portland General Electric, Waste Management, Bernard's Garage and Willamette View.**

It is these corporate and business sponsors, along with the many others that contributed funds, time and effort that make Milwaukie such a warm and livable community.

The two major capital projects dealing with McLoughlin Boulevard and the Transit Center/Park & Ride are undergoing intense studies, and due to their importance to the City's future, both will require a great amount of input from our citizens. If you have any questions or suggestions regarding these plans, contact me, or the City at (503) 786-7503.

## LAKE ROAD

Written by Debby Patten, Secretary

## NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: Dec. 10, 7 p.m.  
Where: Rowe Middle School

If you weren't at the Neighborhood meeting last month, you missed a lot!

We chose a location for our Neighborhood Identity Sign, received an update on the proposed transit center site, heard the safety report and had some great homemade brownies! We also

found out that our Neighborhood Centennial trees were the only ones not picked up (shame on you, Bob!). Aren't you sorry you missed it!?

Attending the Neighborhood meetings is a great way to start becoming involved in the community. You'll find out about the sponsored cleanups, charity events and fun gatherings that are scheduled throughout the year.

Did you know we have a Lake Road Neighborhood annual picnic? Attend our meetings and you'll hear all about

these events and so much more! Do you wonder what's going on with our Downtown Plan? Do you wonder where the new Transit Center might end up?

Our Neighborhood Association depends on you (yes, you!) to volunteer a few hours a month and attend our meetings. You'll get some great information about what's going on in our fine City and our own Neighborhood. And you might make some new friends in the process.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MCH - Milwaukie City Hall, 10722 SE Main Street PSB - Public Safety Building, 3200 SE Harrison Street JCB - Public Works Building, 6101 SE Johnson Creek Blvd. MC - Milwaukie Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Drive LED - Ledding Library, 10660 SE 21st Avenue	5:30pm City Council Work Session, (MCH)  <div>1</div>	6:00pm City Council Regular Session (MCH)  <div>2</div>	6:00pm Citizens Utility Advisory Board (JCB)  <div>3</div>	7:00pm Lewelling NDA (Lewelling Elementary)  6:00pm Public Safety Advisory Board (PSB)  <div>4</div>	<div>5</div>	<div>CITY OF MILWAUKIE CENTENNIAL 1903~2003</div> <div>6</div>
<div>7</div>	6:30pm Friends of Elk Rock Island, (MCH) 7:00pm Historic Milwaukie NDA, (Milwaukie Elementary) 7:00pm Hector Campbell NDA, (Campbell Elementary) <div>8</div>	6:30pm Ardenwald/Johnson Creek NDA, (Ardenwald Elementary)  6:00pm Riverfront Board (MCH) <div>9</div>	7:00pm Lake Road NDA (Rowe Middle School)  <div>10</div>	7:00pm Linwood NDA (Linwood Elementary)  <div>11</div>	10:00am Milwaukie Center/Community Advisory Board (MC)  <div>12</div>	<div>13</div>
<div>14</div>	5:30pm City Council Work Session, (MCH)  <div>15</div>	6:00pm City Council Regular Session (MCH)  <div>16</div>	<div>17</div>	<div>18</div>	<div>19</div>	Centennial Closing Ceremony 3:30 p.m., Milwaukie Riverfront <div>20</div>
<div>21</div>	6:30pm Ledding Library Board, (LED)  7:00pm Parks & Rec. Board (MCH) <div>22</div>	6:30pm Planning Commission Work Session (MCH)  <div>23</div>	6:30pm Design and Landmarks Commission (JCB)  <div>24</div>	<div>CITY OFFICES CLOSED</div> <div>25</div>	<div>27</div>	
<div>28</div>	<div>29</div>	<div>30</div>	<div>31</div>	<div>Happy Holidays</div>		

## NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

**ARDENWALD AND JOHNSON CREEK**

Meetings held on second Tuesdays  
 6:30 p.m., Ardenwald Elementary  
 Chair, Carlotta Collette, (503) 653-5771  
 email: carlottacollette@comcast.net

**HECTOR CAMPBELL**

Meetings held on second Mondays  
 7:00 p.m., Hector Campbell Elementary  
 Chair, David Aschenbrenner, (503) 654-4258  
 email: davidasch@attbi.com

**HISTORIC MILWAUKIE**

Meetings held on second Mondays  
 7:00 p.m., Milwaukie Elementary  
 Chair, Ed Zumwalt, (503) 654-2493  
 email: PEMCZUM@aol.com

**ISLAND STATION**

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER  
 6:30 p.m., Milwaukie Grange  
 Chair, Rick Farasy, (503) 786-2437

**LAKE ROAD**

Meetings held on second Wednesdays  
 7:00 p.m., Rowe Middle School  
 Chair, Bob Moore, (503) 794-2946

**LEWELLING**

Meetings held on first Thursdays  
 6:30 p.m., Lewelling Elementary  
 Chair, Art Ball, (503) 786-4016

**LINWOOD**

Meetings held on second Thursdays  
 6:30 p.m., Linwood Elementary  
 Chair, Dolly Macken Hambricht, (503) 659-8908

## Meeting Broadcast Information:

City Council Work Sessions: Channel 30  
 Tues., Thurs., Sat.: 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 7 p.m., 2 a.m.

City Council Regular Sessions: Channel 30  
 Sun., Mon., Wed., Fri.: 6 a.m., 2 p.m., 7 p.m., 12 a.m.

And when meetings aren't being rebroadcast, check out the City's Cable Information System

The City of Milwaukie looks forward to any questions or suggestions you might have. Please drop us a line or give us a call.



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